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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON DESERTIFICATION CONTROL

1. FORMAL UNEP INVITATION FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN MAY 2-5 INITIAL MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON DESERTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. IN RESPONSE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUEST, AID HAS SELECTED MR. GORDAN EVANS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SAHEL AND FRANOPHONE WEST AFRICA AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, AS PRINCIPAL USG REPRESENTATIVE. DEPARTMENT HOPES UNEP RES REP CAN JOIN EVANS AS TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO MEETING, AND TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY WITH UNEP GC MEETING WHICH WILL FOLLOW CONSULTATIVE GROUP SESSION.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED 3-27-78 TO DR. MOSTAFA TOLBA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM.

DEAR DR. TOLBA:  
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I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF RESPONDING TO YOUR MARCH 17 LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE INVITING UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR DESERTIFICATION CONTROL.

WE ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE INVITATION, AND TO INFORM

YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE:

-- MR. GORDAN EVANS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF SAHEL AND FRANOPHONE WEST AFRICA AFFAIRS  
U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

-- MR. NORMAN FRISBIE  
U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNEP  
U.S. EMBASSY  
NAIROBI

THE DESIGNATION OF MR. EVANS AS OUR PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE IS BASED ON HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH USAID PROGRAMS IN ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, AND HIS SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHICH WE BELIEVE IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP; AND WISH TO ENSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL HAVE OUR FULLEST COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT.

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SINCERELY,

DONALD R. KING

ACTING, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION. VANCE

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